



**Amref Health Africa in Kenya**  
**Global Fund TB project**  
**New Funding Model 3**  
**Call for Concept notes on Community Led Research**

**Title of the call:** *Towards achieving HIV, TB, Malaria and COVID-19 through Community Led Research*

**Module:** Community System Strengthening

**Implementation period:** (*Months*): 12 months

**Deadline for submission:** Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> August, 2022 at/before Midnight

**Overview:**

Kenya is a recipient of the Global Fund (GF) to fight AIDS, TB and Malaria grant that is implemented through dual-track financing. The funds are channeled to the National Treasury as the state Principal Recipient (PR) and Amref Health Africa in Kenya (Amref) and Kenya Red Cross Society (KRCS) as the non-state PRs.

Amref has been the non-state PR for GF Tuberculosis and Malaria grants in Kenya since 2011 and 2012 respectively. Similarly, KRCS has been the PR for the GF HIV grant since 2012. Both organizations are currently the non-state principle recipients for the respective grants for the period July 2021 to June 2024.

One of the interventions under the Community System Strengthening (CSS) of the GF TB grant is Community Led Research aimed at enhancing use of data and research for evidence-based advocacy and programming. CSS seeks to promote the advancement of informed, capable and coordinated communities, community-based organizations, groups and structures. The community actors are enabled to contribute as equal partners alongside other actors to the long-term sustainability of health and other interventions at the community level. This includes an enabling and responsive environment in which these contributions can be effective leading to Resilient and Sustainable Systems for Health (RSSH).

This call is for research concept notes that will demonstrate how Community Led Research on HIV, TB, Malaria and COVID-19 can strengthen community systems. The proposed researches should focus on either HIV, TB, Malaria or COVID-19 in different parts of Kenya.

Research projects funded through this call will be expected to contribute to i) localized evidence on the root drivers that underpin community-led and community-based responses, and policies to enhance the prevention and response to the epidemics, ii) facilitating the uptake and use of evidence to inform national and global programs, policies, and practices, iii) identification of innovative approaches that increase domestic resources, hence ensuring resilient communities to both current and future threats by the four diseases.

Concept notes are invited from individuals/Organization that bring together a range of capacities and contributions needed to undertake community Led research in line with the objective and themes of this funding opportunity.

### **Objectives of the community research initiative**

1. To promote use of data and research for evidence-based advocacy and programming
2. To build capacity of individuals and organizations in Community Led Research

### **Scope of the call**

Applications are encouraged to address at least one of the following research themes:

#### **Theme 1: Understanding and addressing the community perspective on key drivers and barriers of HIV, TB, Malaria and COVID-19.**

The scope of this theme includes research on community actors view on HIV, TB, Malaria and COVID-19 implementation and how to better improve the health outcomes. Applicants are encouraged to cover multiple areas mentioned (HIV, TB, Malaria and COVID-19).

#### **Theme 2: Development and implementation of policies in Community System Strengthening (CSS)**

The scope of this theme includes key assessment of CSS components including, social mobilization, social accountability, Community Led Monitoring (CLM), Domestic Resource Mobilization (DRM), Social protection, awareness and their uptake by community actors including community members.

#### **Theme 3: Human Rights and Ethics**

The scope of this theme includes research on assessment of social, political, legal and human rights factors, stigma and discrimination influencing prevention, treatment, care and support for persons impacted by HIV, TB, Malaria and COVID - 19 as well as communication of these issues to relevant stakeholders. Applicants are encouraged to cover multiple areas mentioned (HIV, TB, Malaria and COVID-19).

### **Eligibility**

This call targets local community organizations and individuals affiliated to them. If applying as an individual, one **Must** demonstrate affiliation to a local community organization. Eligible organization include Non-Governmental Organization, Community-Based Organization, Faith-Based Organization, Self Help Group, Professional Associations, Key population Organization and Adolescents and Young People Organization

Applicants should have experience in implementation of health-related projects, focusing on HIV, TB Malaria, COVID and Community Led Research. **National and County Government of Kenya entities are not eligible.**

Applicants can propose to use various research methods. However, diagnostic and biomedical researches should not be applied in this initiative.

### **Applications review process**

**A. Review of concept notes:** Application process will begin with submission of concept notes. Applications will be reviewed by a team of independent experts who will check for mandatory requirements and technically evaluate the evaluate proposed researches using a detailed evaluation criterion developed at the beginning of the evaluation process. CSS TWG will provide oversight to the process. At this stage, only successful applicants will be contacted to submit full proposals.

### **B. Review of full proposals: Full proposals will be reviewed by a team of independent experts**

Successful applicants will be required to:

1. Sign a memorandum of understanding with Amref Health Africa regarding the scope of work and implementation modalities
2. Submit a detailed dissemination plan

Researchers will be allocated an expert to provide technical guide throughout the research process.

**Note:** Amref Health Africa will not subgrant the researchers. A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) will be signed between Amref and the researchers detailing implementation modalities if the proposed research is successful.

### **Mandatory requirements**

Applicants **MUST** submit the following mandatory documents with their applications:

1. Copy of valid (not expired) organization's registration certificate or a letter from the umbrella network organization for Key Populations and Adolescent and Young People organizations without the registration certificate.
2. If applying as an individual, a copy of proof of affiliation to a local community organization or letter of support
3. Curriculum Vitae for the lead (Principle Investigators) and supporting researchers (Co Investigators).
4. If applicants propose to work with supporting researchers/Co Investigators, they must submit commitment letters signed by the supporting researchers.

### **Submission Guidelines**

Applicants should submit concept notes using the application template below.

Applications shall be submitted electronically to [Proposals.Kenya@amref.org](mailto:Proposals.Kenya@amref.org) so as to be received on or before Thursday 18th August at/or before 12 midnight Nairobi time (00:00 hours). Applications beyond this time will not be considered.

In case of any questions, send an email to [community.research@amref.org](mailto:community.research@amref.org) latest by Thursday, 4<sup>th</sup> August 2022 close of business.



Interested eligible applicants are also invited to a virtual pre-bid conference on Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> August 2022 starting at 9.00 a.m. to 10.00 a.m. To access the link for registration of pre-bid conference, log onto the Amref Health Africa website; <http://amref.org/ways-to-give/tenders>

### **Amref Health Africa call for Concept notes on Community Health Research**

#### **Application Form**

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#### **Form ‘A’**

##### **For official use ONLY**

Unique Code: .....

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#### **Instructions**

This application form is to be filled by individuals/organizations submitting concept notes for implementation of community research under Amref Health Africa in Kenya, Global Fund Tuberculosis (TB) project 2021 – 2024.

The information provided in this application will be treated confidentially and only used to assess your capacity to implement the proposed research.

All information provided will be verified.

Note that provision of any false information will lead to automatic disqualification of your application. *(Remember to respond to all sections as accurately as possible and observe the page limits.)*

All the answers must be TYPED and not handwritten to facilitate timely processing of the application. Do not delete the question.

- Font size: **12 point, unreduced, Times New Roman;**
- Spacing of **1.15**
- Page margin size: **2cm all round.**

#### **SECTION 1: ORGANISATION DETAILS**

**Geographical scope of the proposed research:** Indicate appropriate

National  \_\_\_\_\_

Region (s)  \_\_\_\_\_

County (ies)  \_\_\_\_\_

Sub county (ies)  \_\_\_\_\_

Health facility(ies)  \_\_\_\_\_

<p><b>Type of Applicant: (Tick as appropriate):</b></p> <p>1. Individual (Must be affiliated to a community Organization) /_/  2. Organization</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Non-Governmental Organization /_/  • Community-Based Organization /_/  • Faith-Based Organization /_/  • Self Help Group /_/  • Professional Associations /_/  • Key population Organization  • Adolescents and Young People Organization /_/  Other (<i>specify</i>): ..... </li></ul>
<p><b>Recipient:</b></p> <p>Applicant's Name:</p>
<p>Name of Organization:</p>
<p>Name of contact person:</p>
<p>Email address of contact person:</p>
<p>Phone number of contact person:</p>
<p>Brief profile of the applicant and organization including experience in implementing health related projects and community research (1/4 page):</p>

**SECTION 2: RESEARCH CONCEPT NOTE**

This section should be a maximum of four pages minus the cover page and curriculum vitae.

1. Cover page including the title of the research (*1 page, Title maximum 1 mark*)
2. Background (*1/2 page, 15 marks maximum*)
3. Problem statement (*1/2 page, 20 marks maximum*)
4. Justification (*1/2 page, 15 marks maximum*)
5. Objectives (list specific objectives that your research will address) (*Maximum of 4 objectives, 4 marks maximum*)
6. Methodology of implementing the research (*1 page, 25 marks maximum*)  
Include feasibility of intended research in this section



7. Workplan/Project life cycle (*1/2 page, 10 marks maximum*)
8. Budget (*1/2 page, 10 marks maximum*)
9. Curriculum vitae for key researcher(s) (*Under mandatory*)

**SECTION 3: DECLARATION**

I confirm that the information provided in this application form is a true reflection of the technical capacity and experiences of researchers and organization.

I understand that this is a competitive process.

Name: .....

Signature: .....

Date: .....

Stamp: .....